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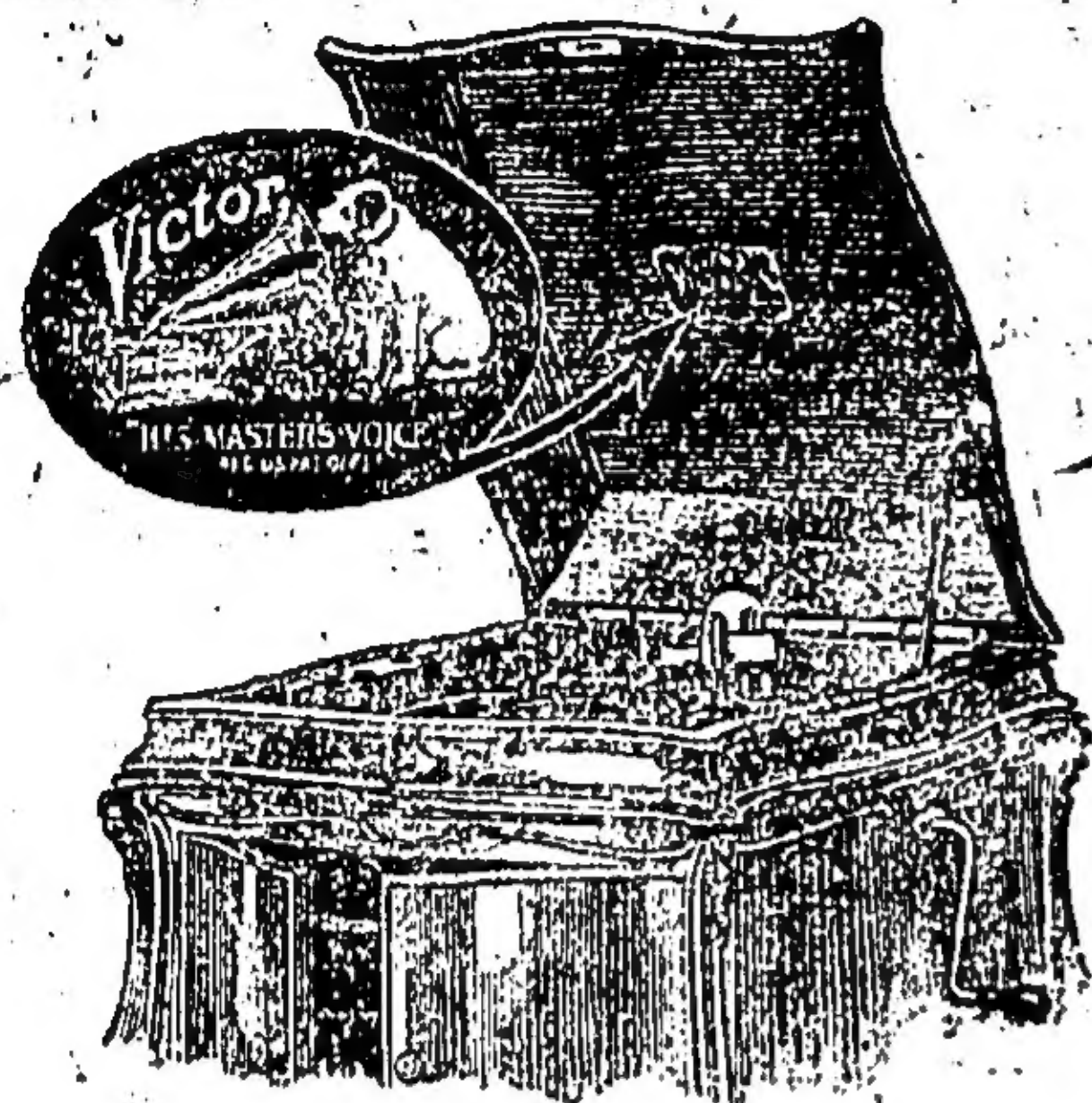
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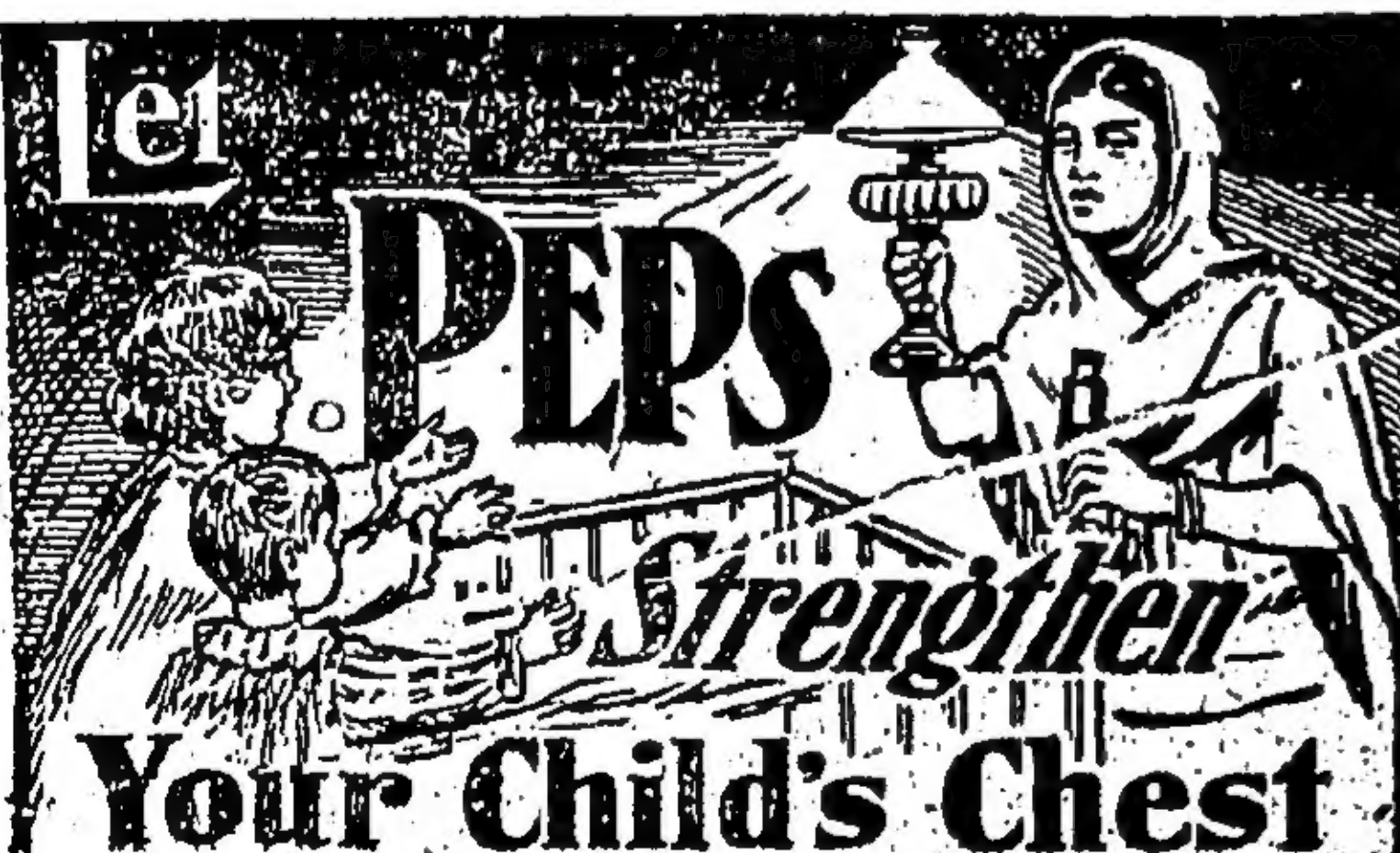
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COUNTY CRICKET.

SURREY AND YORKSHIRE WIN.

TRUNDLERS ON TOP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, June 14.

Surrey beat Warwickshire at Birmingham by
45 runs. For Warwick Howell took 7 wickets for
53 and 5 for 59. P. G. H. Fender (Surrey) secured
7 wickets for 34, in the first Warwick innings and
Hitch 5 for 40 in the second.

At Northampton, Yorkshire beat Northampton-
shire by an innings and 60 runs. For the winners
Holmes scored 83 and Waddington secured 6
wickets for 21 in the losers' first innings.

[Curious to relate, all the players whose names
are mentioned in the telegram have represented
England in Test Matches at one time or another.
Fender, Howell and Hitch have played both in
England and Australia; Holmes in England against
Australia; Waddington was in the team which toured
Australia in 1920-21 and Fender has also played in
South Africa.]

LONDON, June 14.

At Horsham, Sussex defeated Glamorgan by an
innings and 270 runs, thanks to Bowley scoring 120,
A. J. Holmes 93 and Tate 76. Tate also took 8
wickets for 30 in the first innings.

HOME GOLF TOURNEY.

BRITISHERS LEAD IN FIRST ROUND.

FIRST DAY'S RESULTS.

LONDON, June 14.

At Troon the golf open championship commenced
in fine weather. The course was crowded and
conditions were excellent as the first couple started
off at 8.30.

Whitcombe, mentioned in Tuesday's cable,
maintained his wonderful form and broke the course
record; he led the field on the first round with 70.
At the conclusion of the day, he jointly headed the
list with Havers of Coombe Hill each with scores of
146.

Next on the list were Hagen 147; Gordon Lock-
heart of Glen Eagles 149; Robert Scott of Glasgow 150;
Walton, Lytham, Fernie, Turnberry and Kirkwood
151; the Americans Farrell 152, McDonald Smith 153;
the Britishers Duncan, Ray and Mitchell 154; Tolley
156; the South African Brews, and Sandy Herd
157; Taylor 158; the American Diegel 160; Braid
164; the American Aulbach 174.

The final over thirty-six holes will be completed
to-morrow.

KNIVES AND PISTOLS.

FIERCE HIGH SEAS FIGHT.

CHINESE IMPLICATED.

NEW YORK, June 14.

A fierce fight on the high seas, which is said to
have arisen owing to a quarrel regarding payment
to the captain for smuggling Chinese ashore near
New York is reported by passengers of the steamer
"Mary Beatrice" which arrived here yesterday
evening.

The fight is alleged to have occurred off Sandy
Hook. Knives, pistols and axes were used. Several
seamen were killed and cast into the sea. All
the survivors have surrendered to the American
authorities.

HUNT FOR OIL.

PERSIA'S BAIT.

TEHRAN, June 15.

The Mejliss has authorised the Government to
negotiate with an American company for an oil
concession in the provinces of Chilan, Mazandaran,
Astrabad and Azerbaijan with a view to securing
a loan of \$10,000,000.

PARALYSIS CURES.

VIENNA CLAIMS.

VIENNA, June 14.

Professor Wagner Jauregg claims to have cured
many paralysis cases by inoculation for malaria
combined with neo-salvarsan.

LOCAL TENNIS TOPICS.

SOME FORTHCOMING
MATCHES.

Owing to the inclement weather
there was but one league match
played last week, that between the
I.R.C. & the Club de Recreation in
the B. Division, the former team
winning with comparative ease.
Understand the A. Division match
between C.R.C. & I.R.C. which
was postponed last week has been
fixed for today on the former's
ground. It is a game worth seeing.
But it is doubtful whether
visiting Sookunpoo Valley beat the
Indians by the narrow margin of
one game but last year the Indians
on the same ground reversed the
decision by the same score 50/49.
The Indians' team comprises the
Rumjahn & Isipalla all of whom
from information gathered, are in
good form and will there-
fore give the "Ghats" a
good run. The likely C.R.C.
team was mentioned last
week but there is one
change. I hear Wei Wing-lock
is not prepared to play, in which
case his absence will weaken the
ground. It is a game worth seeing.
But it is doubtful whether

CIVIL WAR?

REPORTED BULGARIAN OUTBREAK.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SOFIA, June 14.

The administrative staffs have been dismissed.
The new prefects and sub-prefects are mostly re-
served officers whose appointments are officially ex-
pected by the fact that the officer class suffered
much in the war and afterwards. They were dis-
missed from the army in consequence of the disar-
mant clauses of the Treaty of Neuilly and their
pensions are inadequate.

The former Premier Guechoff who is awaiting
trial will be sent on a special diplomatic mission to
London.

The new Government has suspended all the
laws passed by its predecessors and sequestered
the property of M. Stambulsky's ministers. The
Agrarian leaders have been released. The former
ministers are still not sentenced. Stambulsky's
fate is still a mystery. The former Minister Oboff
has escaped into Rumania.

According to messages from Prague, Buk-
harest, and Belgrade, fighting is proceeding in
various parts of Bulgaria, but the Bulgarian Lega-
tion in London states that everything is quiet.

BELGIAN POLITICS.

BI-LINGUAL QUESTION ACUTE.

CABINET RESIGNS.

BRUSSELS, June 14.

The Cabinet has resigned in consequence of
parliamentary difficulties over the question of the
Flamandisation of the Ghent University.

A bill providing for the transformation of Ghent
into a predominantly Flemish university passed by
the Chamber in December marks the crux of the
bi-lingual question and is responsible for the acutest
controversies.

The bill when recently introduced in the Senate
encountered a very stormy passage until rejected to-
day by 140 to 4 votes whereupon M. Theunis, the
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ELECTRIC LINER.

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is intended to trade in the Far East.

GRAVE AGAIN.

LATEST LAUSANNE DEADLOCK.

STANDING FIRM.

LONDON, June 14.

Reuter's Agency learns that the situation at
Lausanne consequent on the deadlock over the
question of the method of paying the interest on the
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1923.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

Reviewing yesterday's Legislative Council debate, one cannot help feeling that much time would have been saved had the Housing Commission's report been ready. Then would our legislators have been able to make that exhaustive finding which the problem demands. However, anything that helps to clarify the position is helpful, and it must be admitted that the debate was extremely illuminating. Indeed it loosed a flood of facts and figures which provide more material for comment than it is possible to deal with in one article. Foremost among the facts which emerged from the swelling stream was this—our housing problem is very, very acute. This may seem trite—who does not know our housing problem is acute—but it must be stressed here again if the real issue is to remain clear. Obviously any interference with economic laws is bad in principle. Houses are the urgent need? Then anything which discourages building is harmful. But interference, as Hongkong has found, is sometimes essential if grave conditions are not to result. And very often interference can encourage as well as discourage. Therefore the gravity of the crisis must determine the extent of the interference. Having agreed then that our housing problem is very acute, we must envisage drastic measures. Clearly these mea-

asures, alleviating existing hardships and anticipating future troubles, must not appreciably retard ultimate natural adjustment. Our copy book gods, Supply and Demand, must not be too openly flouted, lest they betake themselves apart and let us sink into confusion. While doing immense good, protecting tenants who, with the shortage still acute, would otherwise become easy prey for landlords seeking to recoup excessive profits denied under control, our rent law does not invite this risk of retarding new building, the only real solution. Since the measure was passed, houses have grown apiece unchecked. People with money to invest have still found property a "good thing." Obviously the moment they found it was not a good thing they would have slackened building. Hence the very strong feeling that a fair rents board, while providing immediate relief, would only delay the cure. Once more homes have been provided rents will automatically decline and the need for a rents board would disappear. But—how, you ask, are these new homes to come into being? Already the supply is woefully inadequate and prolonged political troubles across the border make further demands almost certain. Consequently any hope that Canton's thousands will return home is vain indeed. Consequently, also, building must be encouraged until the supply equals the demand. Until the Housing Commission report reveals how soon we may expect that any attempts to tinker with the problem must be made in the dark. And any Legislative Council debate, any newspaper comment must deal only with incidentals.

UNTIMELY CROWING.

There will be pretty general condemnation at the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary's "crowing" that demolition which should be the work of the Government, is being

done by private building "philanthropists." He particularly instanced the Olitsky Report, which had to do with the outbreak of Epidemic Meningitis in Hongkong. It will be remembered that Lieutenant Peter K. Olitsky of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, was specially engaged to visit Hongkong and make investigation and report. This he did most thoroughly making searching recommendations. It was obvious to even the ordinary lay mind ignorant of scientific and medical knowledge, that the "evil" centred in our intensely overcrowded areas. Lieut. Olitsky's actual words were: "..... led to the conclusion that the dense overcrowding of the population..... is the cause of the great spread of the epidemic." The report naturally led to some comment and induced the Official Administrator of the Government, at that time to say that something would have to be done and the problem faced at no distant date. The Report of the learned Lieutenant was laid before the Legislative Council on October 17th, 1918, and it is common knowledge, how, it has been regarded. If Government has allowed overcrowding it is the Government's business to put a stop to it and if demolition is the real cure then demolition should be applied. We admit that an advocacy of demolition assists the argument that demolition without provision for the displaced accentuates the housing problem. It would do if demolition, was the craze it appears to be now. It should be a gradual process—not a process which ignores an expert's report made nearly five years ago, and then seems to say: "See how clever we are. Others are doing it for us,—and saving us money." If H.E. Governor is solicitous for the consciences and reputation of a Committee who may suffer as the result of recommending old buildings to remain, should he not be equally solicitous for the reputation of the Government which for so long has allowed a condition of things to exist which has led to severe inconvenience, and probably sickness and death. There seems to be no excuse. Government, in all its land deeds, has a clause giving it the right of purchase in the event of its desire to acquire what it has previously sold. It has exercised this right more than once in schemes that were doubtless good, but in no comparison to the scheme of a contented, housed and healthy population.

Trade of Hankow.

The 1922 Trade Returns for Hankow issued by the Maritime Customs lie before us and tell the story of an unsatisfactory year due to the "political uncertainty in China." The local situation in Hupah during 1922, says the report, was not unfavourable to trade, and law and order were maintained, but "bandits were rampant in the neighbouring province of Honan, and through railway traffic suffered serious interruption from time to time." The latter part of the foregoing statement is unfortunately worded as it leads the reader to infer that the bandits were responsible for the stoppage of traffic, whereas the sole person responsible was General Wu Peifu, the war lord of Loyang, who, in addition, seized the railway revenue to pay his troops. The gross value of the trade dealt with by the Maritime Customs at Hankow during the year under review was HK. \$1,247,178,448, which exceeds the corresponding total for the previous year by HK. \$1,457,875,811. The revenue collection reached high water mark (HK. \$1,457,875,811), exceeding the former record by HK. \$1,299,717. But notwithstanding these figures, which represent a larger volume of trade, "the business conditions prevailing throughout the year, while showing a general improvement, cannot be considered satisfactory from the merchants' standpoint." The report throws some much needed light on the new American tariff as it will affect China. We read:

Some misapprehension seems to exist in regard to the effect of the new American tariff upon Chinese exports to the United States, and it is understood that the bulk of the commodities concerned comprises raw cotton, silk, tea, hides, furs, and wool (which probably represent about 70 per cent. of China's exportations to the States) and that the fiscal treatment of these remains unchanged. The duty on manufactured silk, on the other hand, has been increased from 45 to 55 per cent,

while in some other instances the ad valorem duty has been raised from 60 to 90 per cent. The goods which will be most seriously handicapped, if not indeed driven off the market altogether, are egg products and peanuts and soy bean oils, but it should be considered that these latter constitute less than 20 per cent. of the whole trade in question. It is indeed a hopeful sign that the new Customs House, on the British Band, is being constructed on extensive lines as it is an index of the confidence reposed in the future development and prosperity of Hankow as the foremost trade centre of Mid-China. The prolonged drought, which lasted from July to December last year, adversely affected agricultural interests in the districts, and the season was calamitous for farmers. Special sacrifices were made to the "God of Rain," and butchers from time to time were forbidden to slaughter cattle, which may be taken as an indication of the seriousness of the situation, from the Chinese point of view. Fortunately, the "God of Rain" appears to have been propitiated for Hankow since January has had rain aplenty.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Pilgrim, Charlie Caplin's latest and best effort, is to be shown at The World Theatre at matinee performances on Saturday and Monday.

The British Drama League's organ *Drama* has reproduced one "The Tempest" photo as its frontispiece, with a short article dealing with the A. D. C.'s recent presentation of the play.

The statutory meeting of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., has been advertised to take place at the Company's office, Powell's Building, at noon on June 30 and not June 25 as previously announced.

One case of plague, and one of smallpox have been reported from Kowloon and two of smallpox in the Colony, according to the returns of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ending yesterday. All the patients are Chinese.

The debenture transfer register of the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be closed from June 23 to June 30, both days inclusive, for the preparation of debenture interest warrants. Warrants will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai.

The P. & O. Steamship Coy., (Agents Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.) is again to be congratulated on the performance of the s.s. "Malwa" which arrived at 8 a.m. this morning with the English mail after an extraordinarily quick run of only 28½ days. This quick dispatch gives general satisfaction.

A notice at the Harbour Office intimates that information has been received from the Military Authorities to the effect that searchlight practice will be carried out between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 at Stonecutters Island West; on Wednesday, the 20th at Belcher's Battery and on Thursday, the 21st at Lyman.

Mrs. Fannon, of 15 Orient Buildings, Coronation Road, has reported that she has lost a gold wrist-watch worth \$20, two rain-coats worth \$4 and two brass vases valued at \$5. She states that her flat was entered between 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 6 a.m. yesterday, the front door having been opened.

A shopkeeper of 178, Reclamation Street was visited at 11 a.m. yesterday by a creditor named Ki Koo who, ostensibly called to collect an account. The shopkeeper paid him \$19.20 and the creditor left only to return almost immediately to ask that five \$1 notes be exchanged for a \$5 note. This was agreed to but when the shopkeeper's face was turned to his safe he received a blow on the back of his head. He called out "save life" and the creditor then decamped.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Eric Rice, who left yesterday by the "Empress of Russia," will be sadly missed in local art and musical circles where his sympathy and interest were made manifest in many ways. He is a musician and executant on the pianoforte of much brilliance, as well as a composer.

Mr. A. G. A. Harnsworth, a nephew of the late Lord Northcliffe arrived here from Singapore this morning, having visited Ceylon and Java. After a short stay in the colony, Mr. Harnsworth is leaving for Shanghai, whence he will visit Tientsin and Peking, proceeding thence to Korea and Japan via the Manchurian Railway. Mr. Harnsworth is travelling in company with Capt. G. A. Thomas. Other arrivals were Mr. B. Stone and Mr. R. Anderson. The vessel also brought a number of naval units.

LEGALITIES.

WITICISMS FROM BENCH AND BAR.

(Specially Contributed.)

With some of the keenest intellects engaged in legal work it is only natural that "the Sprouting wings of a budding wit" must often feel a keen urge to fly. Our own Courts afford often an opportunity for the winged word of wit. It only remains for a researcher to delve into the misty files of newspapers to come across golden streaks of humour and shafts of repartee that would prove our contention. Stories in connection with law matters are not always at the expense of witnesses, although they do abound, but often concern Judge and Barrister. There is that one of the pompous young man, anxious to prove his case, who was constantly interlarding his address to the weary Judge by references to other cases similar to the one under consideration with the cryptic words "as per case Jones v. Rex Q. B. D." The constant reiteration of "Q. B. D." riled the Judge who at last enquired: "And what Sir do you mean by Q. B. D.?" "Q. B. D." my Lord? "Why Queen's Bench Division." Well then, why not say so you said Q. B. D. I feel like saying U. B. D."

"If that is the law," said a famous judge once, "I may as well burn my law-books." "No my Lord," retorted Counsel, "better read them."

In one of the Australian Courts the presiding judge passed a note to one of the Counsel:—"Dear Brown I see you are wearing white trousers." Back came the answer—"Yes, shall I take them off?" "I wish to ask the Court," said a lawyer who had been called to the witness box to testify as an expert, "if I am compelled to come into this case, in which I have no personal interest, and give a legal opinion for nothing?"

"Yes, yes, certainly," replied the mild-mannered judge, "give it for what it is worth."

Lord Carson in one of the numerous cases in which he was engaged had to cross-examine a witness whose nose was of a very livid hue. "Do you drink?" was the dove-like question put to the witness by Carson. "That's my business," hotly replied the witness. "Any other business?" was the crushing rejoinder.

It was because they betrayed an indecent ardour to obtain convictions that certain judges were branded as "hanging judges." One of these was Mr. Justice Page, who, when very old and feeble, was accosted near the Old Bailey by a friend.

"How are you, Sir John?" said the latter solicitously, noting the faltering footsteps of his lordship. "Oh, I just keep hanging on, hanging on!" was the response, given with a chuckle and a leer; and the "hanging judge" continued his walk to his home in Bloomsbury.

Another judge who, when the jury pronounced for manslaughter and not murder, turned to the witness in the dock, and, having grimly surveyed him, remarked: "Prisoner, you're the luckiest man I've ever met—take penitence for your life!"

In the days when all convicted prisoners were remanded to the last day of the sessions and then sentenced in batches, there was a very polite judge who had to sentence eleven men to death. In the course of his pronouncement he named only ten of the culprits, and it was not until the dock had been emptied that an official called his attention to the omission.

"Bing back John Smith," said his lordship promptly, and the convict was recalled to the dock.

"John Smith," said the judge, in his most deferential and apologetic manner, "I have been informed that I overlooked you just now when delivering sentence. Pray excuse my mistake. I am very sorry for it."

And then he formally sentenced John Smith to be hanged by the neck until he was dead.

A man having been capitally convicted at the Old Bailey was, as usual, asked what he had to say why the judgment of death should not be passed on him.

"Say," he replied, "Why I think the joke has been carried far enough already, and the less that is said about it the better; so if you please my lord, we'll drop the subject."

LOADED WEAPONS.

POLICE REVOLVER RANGE.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

Early this week the *China Mail* suggested, in connection with the recent revolver range tragedy, that it ought to be definitely laid down that, on the range, an instructor must on no account get in front of his pupil and all the preliminary training should be completed somewhere else first. Yesterday the Coroner found that the deceased police officer had met his death through his own carelessness. Accordingly, a *China Mail* reporter interviewed the Captain Superintendent of Police this morning to learn what steps are contemplated to prevent a repetition of the accident.

At the outset, Mr. Wolfe explained that owing to the armed robbery epidemic all European officers carried revolvers whether they were in uniform or not and as they had the requisite number of rounds in the weapon it would be difficult to legislate for people who would do what they should not do. He drew attention to the King's Armourer-Sergeant's evidence at the inquest yesterday when it was emphasised that all the rounds would have been extracted if the ejector had been used.

However, the C.S.P. went on to say, a number of service revolvers had now been set aside for instruction purposes. The only way to make sure that a man who was to fire his course would not waste a large number of rounds was to check his aim and his pull on the trigger by getting him to aim at a disc with the instructor's eye at the bottom of the bull. The revolvers to be used for this training in future would be identical with the weapons actually carried but the six chambers in the cylinder would be filled with pieces of wood or other material of the same weight as dummy rounds. This would ensure that no rounds, genuine or dummy, could be inserted. In addition to this, these revolvers would bear a distinguishing mark so that everybody could identify them as practice revolvers. This would be tantamount to laying down that preliminary training would be kept separate from the actual firing of a course.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' HOUSES.

[To the Editor of the *China Mail*.]

Sir,—Under existing rules no allowance is given to people who live in Hotels, Boarding Houses, or Clubs. This seems unfair as they have to pay a considerable amount for rent, although the Government has apparently failed to realise that.

With the present shortage of houses surely the Government should encourage married couples without children and bachelors to use as little room as possible. Why should not the Government here be as straightforward as they are in Ceylon for example. There, a rule (which has appeared in newspaper advertisements) is made that married quarters are not provided, where men receive an allowance of 11½ per cent. of their pay, and bachelors 7½ per cent. Here a great deal depends on whether the Head of the Department or the Colonial Secretary's office think an allowance is necessary.

There are of course many anomalies in the present system—to quote only two—(a) a married man, whose wife is at home, because he cannot get a suitable house, receives no allowance (b) a single man, living in a house by himself, receives a Government allowance. It boils itself down to this, that men who live in private houses are helped with their rent, while others, who live not so comfortably in Hotels, etc., are not. This does not seem fair.

Has the Government even any right to give what amounts to a "cushie"—\$100 or \$150 a month of public money to some of its servants and nothing at all to others.

Yours, etc.,

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Hongkong, June 13.

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WATER SUPPLY.

MEETING OUR FUTURE NEEDS.

SHING MUN VALLEY SCHEME.

Regarding the development of additional sources of water supply, a *China Mail* reporter interviewed the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman, Acting Director of Public Works, this morning. The Director deputed Mr. R. M. Henderson to explain what was being done and later authorized the following statement:—

Four hundred acres in the catchment area on the island, around Stanley Mound West, discharging into the Taitam Tuk reservoir, are being taken in. The work has been under construction since November last. An excavation of 6000 feet (linear) has been completed and it is hoped that 300 acres may be available for any possible late rains in September and October. Tenders for work on the second catchwater at Stanley Mound East will be called for (by advertisement) at the end of June and work will be commenced at the end of August. This catchment will discharge into Taitam Intermediate reservoir, and have an area of approximately 160 acres.

At the end of the year it is hoped to let contracts for a further catchwater on Mt. Parker side, discharging into Taitam Tuk reservoir. The lower portion is 150 and the upper 300 acres. Survey work on the latter may not be completed in time for this year's rains. We are never stinted for funds, but survey work takes time. The foregoing are the only catchwaters in preparation on this side.

UNIVERSAL METERAGE. A scheme for universal meterage has been under consideration for some time with a view to minimizing waste and making a more equitable distribution. The main object is to reduce consumption and the meterage system has been proved in many cities to be the best. In fact, the only way to bring down consumption, is to make waste too expensive a luxury.

EXTENSIONS IN KOWLOON. The continuation for two miles of the existing catchwater will take in 350 acres and is already under construction. The fall is into the Kowloon reservoir. A reservoir for Shek Leik-pui, holding 120 million gallons, is under tender to be returned on June 24. It will be situated close to the existing dam. It is hoped to commence impounding water in this reservoir next wet season. Work will be in progress this winter, as contractors have to commence operations at the end of July.

SHING MUN VALLEY. The Shing Mun Valley scheme is under survey and investigation. An approach road, 2 miles in length, will be commenced next month. Frickings and borings in the harbour will also be started next month in connection with the laying of pipes across the harbour. The completed scheme will ultimately more than double the water supply of the Colony.

In this connection no figures are at present available nor will any be until the borings in the harbour are completed. It is hoped to commence work by the end of the year on the two tunnels (each 1½ miles in length) under Smuggler's Ridge and Golden Hill. They should be completed in about 18 months. Other details in connection with this scheme are being pushed forward as quickly as possible.

HEAVY RAINS. In consequence of the recent heavy rains, the restrictions in Kowloon will probably be removed at an early date, a *China Mail* representative was informed by the Water Authority this morning. At 6 a.m., to-day, there were 594 million gallons of water in the five reservoirs on the island.

The Royal Observatory returns give a rainfall of 1.80" for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, making a total of 24.10" since January 1st against an average of 30.96". The rainfall this month is approximately 10 inches.

STRANGLED?

AMAH FOUND DEAD IN BED

ROBBERY THE MOTIVE.

The death of an amah employed by Mrs. Lambert of No. 38, Railway Quarters, has been reported to the police who suspect murder by strangulation. Early yesterday morning the amah was found dead by the cook in her bed, lying face downwards with a cotton cloth over her mouth. This cloth was knotted behind her ears. No sign of a struggle was seen but there were distinct marks of rings having been removed from her third and fourth fingers and a few pieces of clothing were also thrown in confusion over the bed.

Shareholders in the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd. entitled to an allotment of shares in the Land Investment Co. are requested to forward their claims as soon as possible.

HOUSING SCHEME.

NEW GOVERNMENT PLAN OUTLINED.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, the Colonial Secretary in the course of his speech, referred to a growing commercial community like Hongkong, pointed out that rising values must result in the building over of the vacant spaces in the centre of the town. The same thing has happened in other cities. In London our grandfathers lived over their offices in the City and their grandsons are now in distant suburbs. St. Martin's which was formerly in the fields, is now in a crowded district adjacent to Trafalgar Square.

If the Council will excuse me in a digression for a moment, said Mr. Fletcher, I may mention that the Town Planning Committee has laid out a very large residential area along the Kowloon foothills and the Government has initiated a new scheme which has been accepted by certain capitalists. The whole difficulty has been the sale of land. If we sell by auction, in boom times, prices are exaggerated. If we don't sell by auction the Government lays itself open to charges of bad faith by disappointed applicants. Also, if land is sold below its market value there is nothing to prevent the purchaser selling it the next day. In this new scheme the Government will give land anywhere in the Colony without charge on a forty years' lease. The Government and the lessee will by agreement, before operations commence fix the value of that land. Suppose, for example, it is a plot of 50,000 feet at \$2 a foot, you agree before you start that that land is worth \$100,000. There will be imposed a building covenant according to the locality and in some cases there will be a restriction as to the type of tenant. When these buildings are completed the lessee is allowed at any time that the value of the land is doubled, to sell the whole property, as it stands, in the open market on the ordinary 75 years' renewable lease. The price realised goes firstly to pay back the cost of the buildings, and the proceeds are divided equally between the Government and the lessee, who has had the enterprise to put his money into the concern. The Government is assured that it gets back at least the original value fixed upon the land and—here comes the important point of the arrangement from the point of view of the housing question—the lessee, directly he has sold, must take his original capital and re-invest it in a similar operation. Therefore as long as the demand is so much in excess of the supply as to cause land to double its value the lessee will be on building and selling with the result that new buildings will always be coming into being. While the original lease for forty years is running the lessee can only charge a sufficient net rental to bring in eight per cent., and pay all expenses including a sinking fund and insurance and repairs; but there will be no change in the rent in respect of the value of the land.

POINT FOR CONSIDERATION.
The Senior Unofficial Member has asked the Council to put a brake upon the enterprise of persons who are willing to give us new houses for old. The Government does not propose to use the Official majority to thwart the wishes of the Unofficial members in the matter, but I would ask them to give very serious consideration to the question whether the proposed remedy will not aggravate the disease. The only criterion upon which you can base your decision is the true interests of the community as a whole and I am sure we all have that at heart. I think if this policy is adopted, housing will be checked. We can hardly revoke it until there is obviously sufficient accommodation to take in persons who may be dispossessed, and obviously, also, at the same time, their capital will no longer be available for further enterprises.

WARNING GIVEN.
I think this Council will be well advised to take warning by the example of other places where Government interference in economic laws of supply and demand as regards the housing question has not had the happiest results. You cannot make omelettes without breaking eggs, and I suggest that it is best to get this painful process over as expeditiously as possible, by encouraging every form of building activity whether in new houses or in reconstruction, provided that the accommodation (I am speaking particularly of Chinese tenement houses) is increased and the type is improved. When conditions in China return to their normal state—as assuredly they will—trade will revive, capital will flow back into its accustomed channels, a large number of our refugees will return to their homes, and I hope the Senior Unofficial member will be amongst the first—when that happy state of things arrives—to congratulate the Government on a vastly improved city in which landlords will be vying to induce tenants within their door. (Applause).

With regard to the second amendment as to *mala fide* action on the part of the landlord in demanding more than his lawful rent, I will leave this to the Committee stage. I may, however, refer to Section 16 of the Rents Ordinance which says:—
“(1) No person shall, as a condition or pretended condition of the grant, renewal, or continuance, by himself, or by any other person of a tenancy of any domestic tenement demand payment of any sum of money whatsoever in addition to the rent.”

NOT NURSING TENANTS.
It is not for us to nurse the tenants in all their comings and goings out, and I propose to ask the Attorney General whether this does not cover the matter.

There is one further matter to which I will draw attention namely, the statement of the Senior Unofficial member as to Chinese sleeping in the street. I think if this got abroad and especially if it got to Parliament at Home, it would create a very wrong impression. Those who have had experience of this town at night, or have had anything to do with the Police, will support me—and I am sure the Chinese members will agree—when I say that in the hot weather a very large proportion of the people living in Chinese tenements prefer to live in the streets because of the heat within doors. In wet weather you may see them with little tents. Sleeping in the street has no connection whatever with this housing question.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall: I would like to bear out the comment just made by the Colonial Secretary. It struck me whilst the Senior Unofficial member was speaking that his remarks were somewhat over stated.

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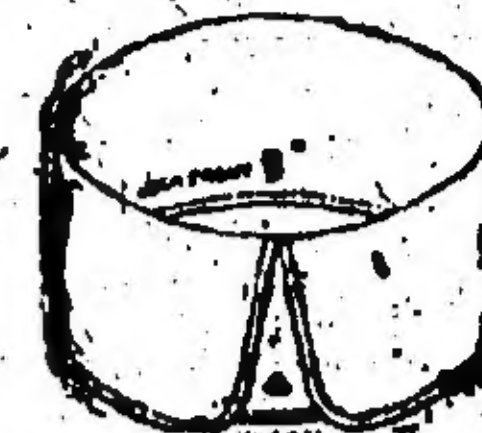
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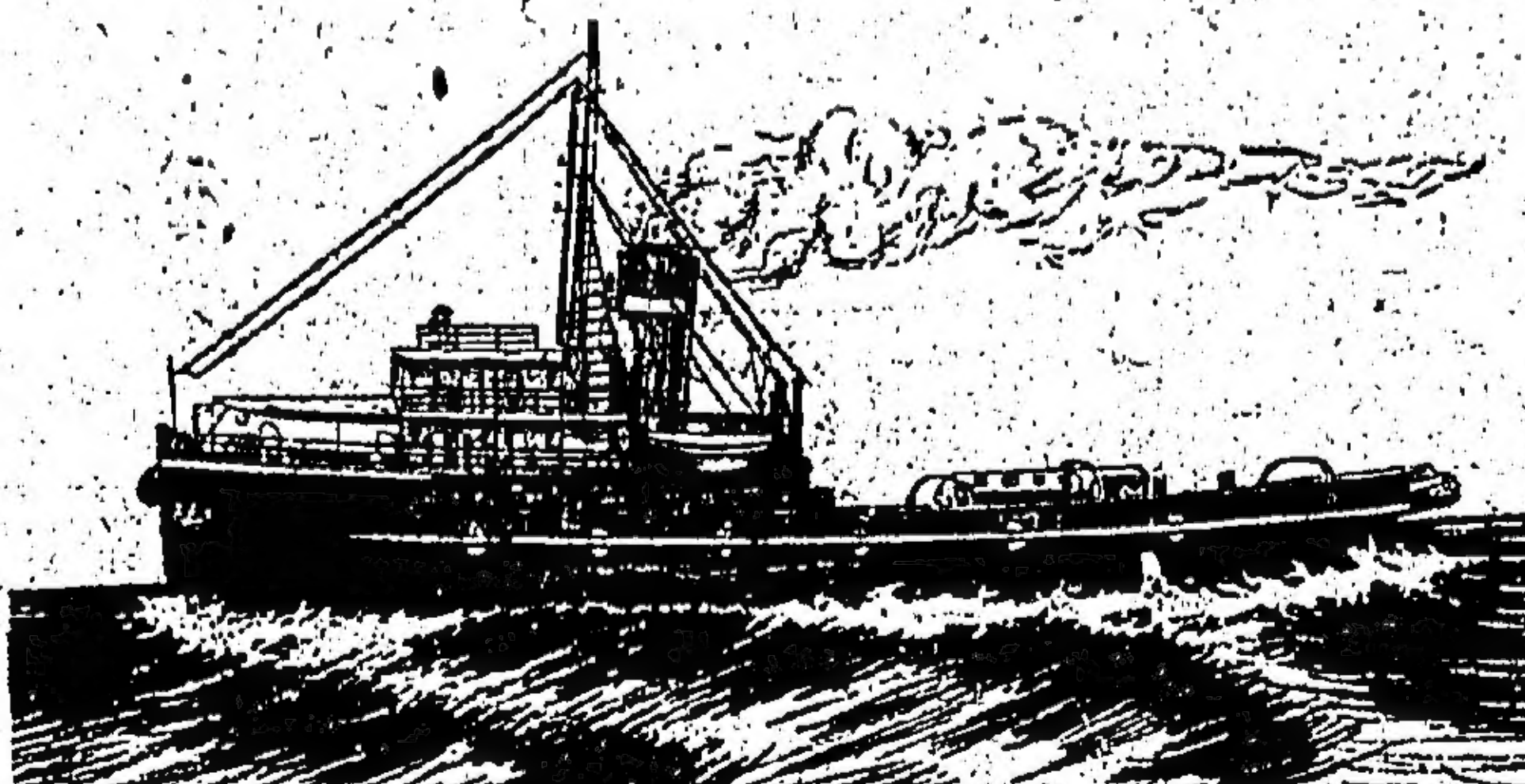
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FISTIC NOTES.

INTERESTING FAR EASTERN NEWS.

The French Concession, Shanghai, already famous as the beauty spot of the Northern Settlement, has recently been further enhanced by the addition of a modern boxing stadium. For this Shanghai's boxing fans have to thank its enterprising proprietor, Mr. Sullivan, a leading sporting light in our neighbouring port. Its manager is an equally popular and well-known sportsman. He is none other than Mr. Billy Bellow, the same who some years ago held the welter-weight Championship of the Far East. Many old timers will remember "Billy's" many performances in Hongkong (he used to make his headquarters here), particularly his long-to-be-remembered fight with Bill Lewis. They made history for local boxing, and set up a high standard here which it is gratifying to note has been maintained by their successors, notably our popular "Sky" Kerrison, and now "Rattler" Morgan.

"Billy" has been exceptionally busy at the new stadium, and according to reports very successfully too. Three tournaments in a little over a month is a respectable piece of promoting work, especially as the standard of boxing is reported to be of a high order. The last tourney was held on June 1. It is with this tourney that I am most concerned for the purpose of this article. It is in fact of considerable interest to all local boxing enthusiasts because young Chadwick, our worthy Lightweight Champion figured in it, and what is more, he kept up Hongkong's reputation in no uncertain style, in spite of the fact that he was greatly handicapped to the tune of about 15 lbs. in weight and many inches in height and reach. Chadwick made his initial appearance before Shanghai's fight fans as an eleven-hour substitute for one "Battling" Gleason who broke a thumb while training. Chadwick's opponent was a lanky fellow named White, a no mean performer as reports go. However, the "133-pound bundle of T-N-T" as our champion is styled by one of the leading sporting papers up North, made short work of White and sent him down for the full count in four short rounds, in every one of which there was only one man in the show. Chadwick made an instantaneous hit with the audience, and no doubt he will have not a few supporters to-night (June 15) when he will be put to the test against Capt. Matty Smith, the Lightweight Champion of the Australian Overseas Forces, and the best man Shanghai can pit against him.

Although little is known about Smith here, Hongkong boxing enthusiasts will feel confident of Chadwick's ability to hold his own against the Aussie, for it must be remembered that although quite a youngster, Chadwick is by no means a beginner in the "manly art" and it is his proud record that he scored a win over Bugler Lake, the man who is making a "big noise" in England at the present time.

Prop. Sullivan and Manager Bellow have excellent plans for the future of boxing in Shanghai, and they are now searching the country for likely material to train for local boxing honours in the Far East, if not farther afield. They have secured the services of capable physical and boxing instructors for the novices, and have already quite a little army of youngsters receiving lessons regularly. They are not drawing the colour line either, and number British, American, Swedish, Russian, Portuguese, Eurasian, Filipino, Japanese and Chinese lads among their pupils.

This makes one feel very pessimistic for the future safety of local boxing, and if we do not take steps to keep pace with the times and our neighbours, Hongkong will be backward and the time will come, very soon, when we shall see all our championships held by outsiders. The first thing we will have to do is get rid of that silly colour bar notion and give everyone who chooses to take up the boxing game a fair chance to make good. Then we could hold inter-school, inter-Scout Troop and Novices tourneys for the purpose of "discovering" dark horses. Of course, it is the right thing that these tourneys be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association, so that the winners of the various tournaments can be recognised as champions in their respective grade, and their records kept from the beginning of their career. The Association is sure to be only too glad to run these "shows" provided, of course, they are assured support in the matter of trophies, belts, etc. Is this support too much to expect from local fight fans? Surely, if local sportsmen can come forward so readily to provide trophies for athletic sports meetings, why not for boxing?

Then again, as a matter of course, we would have to have a Stadium in Hongkong sooner or later—the City Hall is too small for such things as boxing tournaments—so why not look the horse in the mouth right now and begin making provisions for the future? I am confident the Government can be persuaded to grant a site to the "H. K. B. A." provided

KOWLOON VAUDEVILLE.

LEEDS AND LE MAR AT THE STAR.

The clever combination Leeds and Le Mar received an enthusiastic reception at the Star last night, when they presented their turn to Kowloon for the first time. "Thunderbolt's Restaurant" was a perfect scene, Harry Leeds, with his droll ways, his unexpected and well-timed "gags," his jokes and his witty cross talk, kept the house roaring with laughter all the time he was on the stage. Tricix Le Mar just bubbled over with vivacity. She captivated her audience right from the start, and her songs received a tremendous ovation. It was a rattling good show, and judging by the appreciative way in which they were received last night, Leeds and Le Mar should have a successful visit and Kowloon theatre-goers, some very enjoyable evenings whilst this brilliant pair are with them.

they can raise the money for the building. Who will help? There are many who can, and I hope this appeal will not go unheeded. Hongkong's boxing superiority is threatened and every one who has the welfare of the sport at heart should rally to the assistance of the local governing body.

We in Hongkong will have to be independent of the Navy and Army for our boxing material before long, especially if the Singapore Naval base scheme goes through, and we won't have the warships here-with us so often. Then clearly the supply would have to be local if the game is to survive. What chances do we stand of securing that supply under present conditions? There are some good boxers in the making among local lads—a visit to the boxing tourney of any school will convince one on that point, but what encouragement have they got to continue their boxing after they leave school?

Cannot the Naval and Military authorities be persuaded to reconsider their decision for the sake of British boxing traditions? I hope they would play the game for the benefit of Hongkong boxing after matters had been explained to them as I am attempting to do now. I am sure that nothing was farther from their minds than to create a boxing monopoly for the Navy and Army when they made that decision—but that has been the result. I beg them to give a thought to the future of boxing in Hongkong after they and their men have left these shores.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Battling" Key, the young Chinese Lightweight Champion of Malaya, who was here last year, has done well in his first bout in Manila, where he knocked out Kid Apache, one of the top-rungers, in two rounds at the Laguna Stadium, San Pablo. That Key has made an impression at Manila, is evident from this heading of a report of the fight: "Battling Key has two-fisted wallop." Good luck to him during his Manila tour.

I see from the Shanghai papers that Key is booked to perform there soon. Again, good luck to him. I am an *orang Singapura* myself, so the interest in Key is natural.

"Young" Maher, the Hongkong lad who won the Amateur Lightweight Championship of the Colony by virtue of his victories over Willie Ward of the Revenue and Hainan of the Navy, has been in Shanghai for some time. He is not doing much boxing there, at present. However, he upheld Hongkong's reputation in a few bouts while a new arrival at the Northern Port, but has since experienced difficulty in securing fights, his amateur status preventing him meeting good men.

"Iron" Eux, also a Hongkong "boy" is now reported to be doing well in the Middleweight division in Manila, some say he actually holds the Manila Championship at that weight. He is an excellent example of what a Hongkong man can do when given a fair chance, and if the latest reports about him are correct, he will have set up the unique record of holding a championship at every weight, from Bantam to Middle. Father Time does not seem to give him much trouble, and he has certainly lived up to his ring name. He has an iron constitution.

Another Hongkong lad, George Gifford, I think, I am not sure of his first name, is doing well among good raters in the United States under the fighting name of Platts. He has been meeting with a good degree of success, some very tough lads "out West".

A fourth Hongkongite, a Portuguese youth who battles under the name of "Fighting" Rosario, has been upholding our reputation in Tientsin where he holds the Amateur Lightweight Championship. He has done exceptionally well, being a little more than a beginner, who took up boxing a little over a year ago. He has a good future before him if he sticks to it.

These are a few examples I am offering to support my contention that local lads can rise high in the roped arena. All they need is encouragement.

TRAIN DERAILED.

STARTLING LOCAL ACCIDENT.

LANDSLIDE STRIKES ENGINE.

A landslide on that part of the Kowloon-Canton Railway between Shatin and Tai Po yesterday derailed the engine and two coaches of a train which happened to be passing at a speed of about 30 miles an hour. Nobody was killed or injured, but several people were badly shaken.

It appears that an embankment made principally of decomposed rock gave way, this no doubt being the result of the heavy rains of the last few days. The engine and the first coach fell onto the beach about ten feet below and the second coach was derailed. A number of Europeans were in the coaches but none were seriously hurt. The driver and the fireman both escaped without a scratch as the engine fell onto the beach in an upright position with its wheels deeply embedded in the sand.

Telephone wires were also broken by the landslide but temporary lines are to be immediately erected. The track will be cleared in a few days but while the service will be continued as trains will be run from opposite directions to the spot and passengers will have to change. The Tai Po Road has been closed indefinitely.

REUNION UNLIKELY.

CHAN AND SUN STILL ENEMIES.

Rumours that peacemakers are bringing Sun and Chan together again have been discounted in some of the vernacular papers in Hongkong and Canton.

There is a letter in the local Chinese papers from Mr. Wong Ping-sun, a comrade in the P. & O. Co., and this year's chairman of Tung Wah Hospital's board of directors. In connection with the report published in the press, that the hospital "peacemaker" telegraphed the leaders of the Sun and Chan parties, to cease hostilities, Mr. Wong says that as the hospital is primarily and to all purposes, a charitable institution, it cannot in any way interfere with Chinese politics and therefore cannot suggest the reunion.

The vernacular papers point out that prior to June last year when Chan was expelled from Canton by Sun, rumours were spread about a re-union but nothing came of it. After Chan's coup in June, which drove Sun out of power, there was much talk of "extending the olive branch" but this again proved wrong. Now the respective armies are waging a bitter war and have pitted their entire resources against each other. The consensus of opinion seems to be that they are too far gone to allow by-gones to be by-gones and that both Sun and Chan are committed to their respective allies and adherents to "strive for the overthrow of the avowed enemy. Under the present circumstances there seems little possibility of the peacemakers meeting with much success especially as all those who have entered the field have at some time owed allegiance to one party or another.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate general at 2.30 p.m., June 15—

Typhoon in about 131 deg. long. E. 12 deg. lat. N. moving N.

JURYWOMAN FAINTS.

MURDER TRIAL TWICE ADJOURNED.

A murder trial at Glasgow had twice to be adjourned owing to a jurywoman's fainting fits caused by medical evidence. The case was one in which David Lambie and John Taylor of Greenock, were charged with the murder of Hugh Malley at Greenock. Both pleaded guilty to culpable homicide and were sentenced to penal servitude for five years.

It was stated that Taylor's sweetheart, the niece of Malley, told him that when she was 8 years old, her uncle took advantage of her, and this news greatly upset Taylor, who later told the girl he had been unable to eat or sleep since hearing of the outrage. It was during the evidence of Dr. Milne, who spoke of Malley's wounds and the transfusion of blood in order to save his life, that the jurywoman fainted and had to be carried from the court.

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WEATHER REPORT.

June 14d. 16h. 50m.—Warning of Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Depression or typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. N. Long. 134° E., moving W.N.W. June 15d. 13h. 00m.—Warning of Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 13° N. Long. 133° E., moving North.

June 15d. 13h. 05m.—Pressure has decreased slightly from Wladivostok to Poochow. It has increased slightly at other reporting stations.

The depression over S.W. China is shallow this morning. At 6 a.m. typhoon was in about Lat. 13° N. and Long. 133° E., moving Northward.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending 24-10 a.m. to-day, 1.40 inches. Total since January 1st, 24.10 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on June 16, 1923, 0.50 inches. 1.—Forecast of Wind, 2.—Forecast of Rain, 3.—Forecast of Clouds, 4.—Forecast of Fog, 5.—Forecast of Haze, 6.—Forecast of Drizzle, 7.—Forecast of Snow, 8.—Forecast of Ice, 9.—Forecast of Frost, 10.—Forecast of Thunder, 11.—Forecast of Lightning, 12.—Forecast of Hail, 13.—Forecast of Sleet, 14.—Forecast of Shower, 15.—Forecast of Drizzle, 16.—Forecast of Fog, 17.—Forecast of Haze, 18.—Forecast of Drizzle, 19.—Forecast of Fog, 20.—Forecast of Haze, 21.—Forecast of Drizzle, 22.—Forecast of Fog, 23.—Forecast of Haze, 24.—Forecast of Drizzle, 25.—Forecast of Fog, 26.—Forecast of Haze, 27.—Forecast of Drizzle, 28.—Forecast of Fog, 29.—Forecast of Haze, 30.—Forecast of Drizzle, 31.—Forecast of Fog, 32.—Forecast of Haze, 33.—Forecast of Drizzle, 34.—Forecast of Fog, 35.—Forecast of Haze, 36.—Forecast of Drizzle, 37.—Forecast of Fog, 38.—Forecast of Haze, 39.—Forecast of Drizzle, 40.—Forecast of Fog, 41.—Forecast of Haze, 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The biennial council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs met on May 7. Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, President-General, presided, and spoke on "Spiritual Forces." Mrs. Lessie Stringfellow Read, chairman of the National Press Department and Editor of the General Federation News, made an address on "Why Publicity?" Mrs. Mark Oberndorfer, National Music Chairman, wife of a famous composer, spoke on "Opera in our Own Language." Miss Lida Hafford, Director of the General Federation also made an address.

Frederick I. Moon must accept \$15 a month alimony from his wife, Mrs. Ethel Lou Moon. If he refuses to take the money, Moon will be locked up. He cannot "see" taking money from a woman, but because he is ill, the Court ordered him to take it. Mrs. Moon told the Court, in fighting the alimony, that "any man who would take money from a woman ought to be tarred and feathered." But she has to pay, just the same.



Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon chose an elaborate trousseau for her marriage to the Duke of York. These pictures show a portion of her gowns and hats. One of the hats is a black crinoline straw, with laurel wreaths above the crown, veiled with a dead leaf green chiffon. Another is of green straw, trimmed with dark green grapes, the brim being lined with blue taffeta. As the new Duchess is an ardent sports-woman, one of her gowns is a knitted golfing suit of fawn-coloured wool.



"By the beard of the Prophet" is a saying as old as the custom of blessing the beard of the Sultan of Turkey, who is head of the Mohammedan Church. The new Sultan, having raised a beard of proper and authorized length went to the Selamlık, where the said beard received holy blessings during divine services. The ceremony is part of an ancient custom and is marked by simple yet impressive rites. The Sultan, on horseback, is shown leaving the temple.



Hewing their way through almost impenetrable cypress forests and swamps, ploughing through soft mud and being hauled by a tractor, a party of 25 men and women, in seven motor cars, recently attempted to blaze a trail through the hitherto unexplored Everglades of Florida, to connect Tampa and Miami. Deserted by their superstitious Seminole guides, the party was in dire straits for days, unable to advance or retreat, and without food or water. Finally three of the explorers broke through on foot and told their pitiful story. Aeroplanes, loaded with food, found them 40 miles from Miami, while other aeroplanes provided them with gasoline and supplies, and they finally made their way through. All had to go to hospital suffering from exhaustion, and from mosquito and chigger bites.



This aeroplane piloted by John Miller, shown in rear of the nacelle of the "bus," was loaded with food and rushed to the rescue of a party of woodmen marooned on South Fox Island, 20 miles off shore. They had been held prisoner all winter by ice. Miller was unable to land, but flew low and dropped his cargo of foodstuffs.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MISSING SEALS.

CHINESE PRESIDENT
DETAINED.

RESIGNATION DENIED.

TIENSIN, June 13.

Li Yuan-hung's train was stopped and surrounded by soldiers at the Central Station because it was found the Presidential seals were missing from Peking.

The President explained that he did not have the seals. They had been left in Peking.

It transpires that Madame Li took the seals to the French Hospital in the Legation quarter previous to the President's departure. Apparently the President is being held at the station until the seals have actually been located.

Sun Chien, Secretary of the President, interviewed by Reuter, said the President had not resigned. He was merely visiting Tientsin. The letters Li Yuan-hung sent to Parliament did not contain his resignation.—Reuter.

NEW CABINET ATTEMPT.

PEKING, June 13.

In spite of the resignations of Feng Yu-hsiang and Wang Hui-ching yesterday, the President still attempted to remain at his post.

A meeting was held this morning, at which prominent people discussed the formation of a Cabinet.

It is understood that about 12.30 a message came saying that President Li Yuan-hung left office troops would be brought into the city to compel him to go.

President Li Yuan-hung then decided to leave for his home at Tientsin.

Shortly after one o'clock six motor-cars were observed in Morrison Street, going like the wind towards the Legation Quarter.

President Li Yuan-hung was seen in the middle car. He proceeded to the station and took a special train for Tientsin at 1.30 this afternoon.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

MINISTER OF INTERIOR IN CHARGE.

PEKING, June 13.

The members of the Cabinet [which resigned on June 6] in Peking, this evening, decided that, according to the Constitution, when there is no President, the Premier should take over State affairs, or, failing him, the Foreign Minister, but as at present there is neither a Premier nor a Foreign Minister, the Minister of the Interior should take charge.

A telegram is being despatched to the Provinces to-night informing them of this decision.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

ORDER IN PEKING.

PEKING, June 13.

General Wang Hui-ching informed Parliament and the Chamber of Commerce that he will be responsible for order in Peking.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

PRESIDENT RELEASED.

TIENSIN, June 14.

The President was released at four o'clock this morning. Late last night a special train left for Peking with the President's private Secretaries who persuaded Madame Li to hand over the seals to police representatives.

On receipt of a telegram announcing that this had been done the President was allowed to proceed from the Station whence he was taken to his residence in the British Concession.

FENG YU-HSIANG RESIGNS.

PEKING, June 13.

Feng Yu-hsiang and Wang Hui-ching resigned this afternoon, giving as their reason the non-payment of their troops.

President Li Yuan-hung sent delegates to ask them to reconsider their decision, but so far they persist, thus further embarrassing the President.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

CHAOTIC CHINA.

LONDON, June 13.

The Times Peking correspondent, commenting on the situation, which the Linchong outrage is symptomatic, urges the necessity for inspiring the Tientsin with a fear of retribution. He says that it needs only a show of firmness to restore foreign prestige. The essential need is for a small increase in the foreign forces, supplemented by a warning that any further attacks on foreigners will be followed by the occupation of the railways. If the opportunity is neglected a full-blown military expedition will be necessary, followed by consequences that cannot be foretold. Those who imagine that foreign intervention in China is outside the realm of probability are merely closing their eyes to the facts.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SAFE AGAIN.

LINCING CAPTIVES
WELCOMED.

SHANGHAI'S WILD ENTHUSIASM.

SHANGHAI, June 14.

A very large crowd gathered at the Shanghai station late last night and with wild enthusiasm welcomed the returned captives. The band played "Here the Conquering Hero Comes." Madly cheering, the people rushed the captives and raised them shoulder high and carried them into the waiting motor cars. All the captives are well. Mr. Musso used crutches but he was able to walk without fatigue from the train to the motor car.—Reuter.

EARLIER NEWS.

PEKING, June 12.

The Diplomatic Corps held two meetings yesterday and two to-day. It is understood that they formed two Committees recently in connection with Linchong, one consisting of the British, American, French and Italian Ministers, to discuss indemnities, and the other, consisting of the same four Ministers and the Belgian, Dutch and Japanese Ministers, to discuss the protection of foreigners and the railways.

It is understood that at to-day's meeting it was decided to send in another Note demanding the speedy release of the captives, and asking for a reply regarding the suggested Military Commission for the protection of the main trunk lines.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on June 13 at 5 p.m.

The B.F. s.s. "Perseus" left Port Said on June 10 for London, Hull, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yokohama Maru" (American Line) left Shanghai for Hongkong on June 13 and is expected here to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Jeyapore" left Shanghai for this port on Wednesday June 13 at 10 a.m. and is due here to-morrow at about 3 p.m.

The B.L. s.s. "Bendoran" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port via Manila on June 6 and may be expected to arrive here on Sunday June 17.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on June 8 a.m. left Yokohama on June 9 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on June 18.

The B.F. s.s. "Adriatic" for London Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on June 13 and is due here on June 18. The vessel will be despatched at 3 p.m. on June 18.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kawachi Maru" (South American Line) left Molt for Hongkong on June 13 and is expected here on June 18.

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